

REMARKS

With the entry of the amendments above, claims 6-13, 15 and 17-60 will be pending in this application.

Applicants are filing this amendment in order to copy claims 5-20 of a further Carbone application, U.S. Serial No. 10/832,214, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0243126 A1, published December 2, 2004, as claims 43-58 of this application, respectively. Applicants submit for the Examiner's reference a copy of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0243126 A1 with the Supplemental IDS filed concurrently herewith. This further Carbone application is a division of Serial No. 10/091,068, as to which applicants filed a request for declaration of interference on July 9, 2004.

Applicants are also filing this amendment to add new claims 59 and 60 in order to round out the scope of protection to which they are entitled. These new claims are generally supported by Fig. 1 of this application and are supported for the reasons that the claims previously pending in this application are supported. Claim 60 finds additional support at column 2, lines 49-55, of this application as published. These claims are entitled to the priority of applicants' November 10 and December 27, 2000, German filing dates, as shown by the sworn translations of record.

Applicants are also amending claim 36 to conform it to claim 1 of the Carbone divisional application as presented in the patent publication.

Applicants have corrected an error in dependency in Carbone's divisional claim 7 when copying it as claim 45 above.

Applicants have amended or canceled claims 6, 14-16, 22, 28, 33 and 35 as necessary to conform them to the claims as allowed in Carbone Serial No. 10/091,068 on the basis of the amendment made of record in this application by the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed October 5, 2004.

The Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith also makes of record a published U.S. application that the Examiner might deem to be directed to

related subject matter, although applicants note that the original U.S. publication of the granted parent of this application is 35 USC 102(b) prior art to this cited application.

Applicants will be filing a supplement to their Request for Declaration of Interference in the form of a supplemental suggestion under 37 CFR 41.202 to revise the list of the claims to be designated as corresponding to the proposed counts and to provide a revised table showing the support in this application for the added and amended claims pursuant to 37 CFR 41.202(a)(5).

In the event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to

Deposit Account No. 03-1952, referencing Docket No. 564682000100.

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